



REPORTS

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

—OF THE—

Town of Northfield,

1900.



ANNUAL REPORT

—OF THE—

SELECTMEN,

Overseers of Poor and Assessors,

—OF THE—

Town of Northfield,

—TOGETHER WITH—

Reports of the School Committee, Treasurer,
Collector, Cemetery Commissioners,
Library Trustees and Librarian

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1900.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTHFIELD:—

We are again called upon to render an account of our labors in behalf of the town for the past year, also the several reports of those you have chosen to administer the affairs of the various departments. The balance in favor of the town is not as great as last year, owing to the appropriations of \$2,863.87, which were not raised by taxation.

We have been obliged to meet unexpected expenses in the poor department, which have been partially remedied. Our contingent expenses on account of the toll bridge, grade crossing, cemetery surveys and apportionment of the new bridge hearings, have perhaps helped increase the sum total beyond your expectations. We have placed insurance of ten thousand dollars on the Library building at an exceptionally low rate of \$90 for five years. The amount of insurance may be small, but that is for you to determine and act upon if not satisfactory. Under an act of the Legislature, which ordered towns to adopt and procure a town seal, your board in conjunction with the town clerk have procured one, the impression, which to our minds, is a fitting mark for any record of which the town may be called upon to issue, and is subject to your adoption if it meets your approval.

The decree to the court for the change of the grade crossing on River street will be presented to the superior court for confirmation at the coming March term, the change in road location to be south of the residence of J. B. Callender. The toll bridge committee have performed the duty assigned them. The act passed by the Legislature requires the town to pay \$225 per year rental, and the town to snow the bridge subject to revision after five years if not satisfactory to both parties. An act of the Legislature requires the election of a Tree Warden at the coming annual meeting. We have taken pains to procure all bills against the town, the amount estimated in the poor department covering all that we know of at this date.

Respectfully submitted.

ERNEST C. FIELD, SAMUEL C. HOLTON, CLINTON A. WARE,	} Selectmen.
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Town Warrant.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FRANKLIN, ss:

To Either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield, County aforesaid—Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Northfield on Monday, March 5th, 1900, at 9 o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and outstanding committees or act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also to bring in their ballots, Yes or No, in answer to the following question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Article 4. To see if the town will accept of the Jury list as revised or act thereon.

Article 5. To see what action the town will take in regard to discount or interest on taxes or act thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to make temporary loans or act thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money for Memorial Day, or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money to be applied on the town debt, or act thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money for the care and improvement of the cemeteries, also \$50.00 to finish grading the cemetery at the Centre, or act thereon.

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Article 10. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money to grade in front of the Town Hall, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will appropriate and raise \$500 to widen and repair the Gulf road from the foot of Cold Spring hill to the top of the mountain, or act thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money to macadamize a portion of Main street, or act thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to dissolve its union with Warwick and Gill for the purpose of the employment of a superintendent of schools.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to open and maintain a school in District No. 3.

Article 15. To see if the town wish their school committee to maintain a Kindergarten school, or act thereon.

Article 16. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum of money for the construction or repairs of sidewalks, or act thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will adopt the seal procured by the Selectmen and Town Clerk, or act thereon.

Article 18. To raise such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof in five public places in town seven days at least before the day appointed for said meeting, one of which shall be the Post Office at Northfield, one the Post Office at East Northfield, one the Post Office at West Northfield, one the Post Office at Northfield Farms and one the School House in District No. 6. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

ERNEST C. FIELD,	} Selectmen of Northfield
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,	
CLINTON A. WARE,	

Northfield, February 21st, 1900.

JURY LIST FOR 1900.

Edward B. Murdock
Francis J. Stockbridge
John H. Bolton
Fred Z. Allen
Clarence A. Randall
Fred C. Britton
Charles L. Robbins
Simon S. Fisher
Joseph A. Ross
Arnold H. Holton
Charles L. Gilbert
Geo. W. Piper
Clinton A. Ware
Osgood L. Leach
Oscar F. Durkee
Samuel C. Holton
Fred B. Caldwell

J. Wesley Mann
Clifford I. Holton
Thomas R. Callender
George E. Holton
Warren S. Osgood
Ozro D. Adams
Charles C. Stearns
Nelson G. Hilliard
Pitts W. Preston
Leonard R. Smith
Forest B. Estabrooks
Henry C. Holton
Ernest C. Field
Dwight L. Preston
Benj. F. Field
Charles H. Webster

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of real estate	\$828,986 00
Valuation of personal estate	86,945 00

Total valuation May 1st, 1899	\$915,931 00
Number of polls	479
persons assessed	735
persons assessed on property	582
persons assessed for poll tax only	153
resident tax payers	435
horses assessed	519
cows assessed	622
sheep assessed	172
neat cattle assessed	308
swine assessed	130
dwellings assessed	425
acres of land assessed	19,730

ASSESSMENT FOR 1899.

State tax	570 00
County tax	2,332 59
	\$2,902 59

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1899.

Schools in general	\$2,800 00
repairs on buildings	200 00
text books and supplies	300 00
conveyance	300 00
superintendent	300 00
Contingent and support of poor	4,000 00
Cemeteries in general	200 00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSESSORS.

Memorial Day	50 00
Public Library	625 00
Preliminary expenses of grade crossing	50 00
Overlay	221 57
	\$9,046 57

APPROPRIATED, NOT RAISED.

Highways	\$2,000 00
Town debt	600 00
Schools, unexpended balance 1898	268 87
	2,868 87
Total appropriated,	\$11,915 44
Raised on polls	958 00
“ personal estate	1,043 33
“ real estate	9,947 83
	\$11,949 16

Tax on each poll, \$2.00.

Rate per \$1000, \$12.00.

ERNEST C. FIELD,	}	Assessors.
SAMUEL C. HOLTON,		
CLINTON A. WARE,		

LIST OF ABATEMENTS.

ACCOUNT M. T. MOORE, COLLECTOR FOR 1897.

Arlin, Wright L.	\$2 00
Bergeon, Edward	2 00
Bernier, Phillip	2 00
Calo, Steve	2 00
Davis, Leon O.	2 00
Grout, Arthur	2 00
Guilmet, Isaac	2 00
Harris, Chas. B.	2 00
Hewitt, Warren	2 00
McHugh, Peter	2 00
Morrison, Michael	2 00
Mauikor, Joseph	2 00
Campbell, Thos. L.	2 00
Pike, Herbert M.	2 00
Severence, George	2 00
Stebbins, O. J.	2 00
Visoreski, Frank	2 00
Janes, Charles	9 26
Webster, W. B.	2 00
Cutting, Pliney	2 00
Moore, F. W.	2 00
Wheeler, Charles	2 00
Young, Charles C.	2 38
Davis, F. L.	2 00
Hatstat, Leon	2 99
Alexander, Thomas	1 98
Callender, Geo. B.	2 00
1898.	
Arlin, Wright J.	2 00
Bork, John	2 00
Callender, Geo. B.	2 00

Chandler, Alexander	2 00
Cole, Tracy	2 00
Cutting, Pliney	2 00
Fairman, A. J.	2 00
Finney, W. J.	2 00
Guilmet, Isaac	2 34
Hayes, T. T.	2 00
Janes, Charles X.	9 77
Lamb, George	2 00
Moore, F. W.	2 00
Phelps, Fred	2 00
Pike, Herbert W.	2 00

\$102 72

Report of Overseers of Poor.

A. H. RICHARDS AND WIFE		
Town of Hubbardston, aid		\$191 40
DWIGHT COOK AND FAMILY		
Town of Montague, aid	\$240 29	
T. B. Stratton, weekly aid	36 00	
Dr. S. P. Woodbury, medical service and med.	33 55	
J. S. Powers, clothes	16 97	
		326 81
GARDNER COLLIER		
C. M. Brewster, team	1 00	
Weekly aid	35 00	
N. P. Wood, medical aid	25 00	
		61 00
EDWARD J. FITZGERALD, Boston		
Weekly aid		88 00
WATSON FAMILY		
Town of Watertown, aid		14 40
COLEMAN C. SMITH		
Northampton Lunatic Asylum		169 46
CHARLES PARKER		
Com. of Mass.		146 00
LYDIA PACKARD		
O. H. Doolittle, board	97 70	
H. S. Ames, legal services	20 92	
Dr. A. L. Newton, medical attendance	3 25	
Northampton Lunatic Asylum	48 75	
		170 62
T. DEMPSEY		
O. H. Doolittle, board	1 44	
S. C. Holton, horse hire	1 00	
		2 44

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CHARLES D. HARRIS		
O. H. Doolittle, board	13 60	
Dr. A. L. Newton, med. attendance	6 25	
	————	19 85
TRACY COLE		
Dr. W. H. Pierce, board	14 65	
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished	7 86	
	————	22 51
GEO. B. CALLENDER		
Northampton Lunatic Asylum		128 61
ELECTA STRATTON		
Mrs. J. E. Lincoln, board		65 00
WILLIAM DALE		
Weekly aid	66 25	
Dr. A. L. Newton, medical aid	3 25	
	————	69 50
FRED W. WHITNEY		
City of Lowell, aid		7 00
H. B. ALLEN		
Town of Warwick, aid		35 25
CHARLES LORD		
T. F. Reed, board	70 07	
A. W. Proctor, shoes, etc	3 65	
	————	73 72
MRS. GEO. DOOLITTLE		
Weekly aid		65 00
JOHN CASEY AND FAMILY		
City of Northampton, aid, June 1st, 1898 to Dec.		
8th, 1899	343 70	
F. W. Doane, moving goods	4 50	
T. Coughlin, board	3 00	
S. C. Holton, car fare to Northampton	1 80	
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished	7 60	
	————	360 60
ASA KENISTON		
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished	39 94	
J.L. . Dunnell, grain	3 70	
	————	43 64

CHARLES BRIGGS AND FAMILY

A. W. Proctor, goods furnished	16 84
F. E. Atwood, meat	7 37
J. W. Mann, wood	3 38
A. L. Newton, medical attendance	5 00
C. A. Ware, provisions	35
Franklin County Hospital, board	95 00
Dr. N. P. Wood, medical attendance	4 00
Stimpson's livery, team	2 50

134 44

GAD, LYMAN

Dr. N. P. Wood, medical attendance	22 25
Oscar E. Holton, Nurse	32 00
Woodbury & Lesure, coffin	15 00
R. M. Snow, funeral service	2 00
H. H. Mason, burial service	3 00

74 25

JONATHAN LYMAN

O. H. Doolittle, board

130 00

JOHANNA DRISCOLL

O. H. Doolittle, board 128 57

Dr. A. L. Newton, med. attendance 10 00

138 57

FRANK PACKARD

O. H. Doolittle, board 104 00

A. W. Proctor, cap 25

S. C. Holton, expense to Boston 7 77

112 02

MRS. ALVA KIMPLIN

W. B. Pratt, rent 13 75

MRS. C. KIMPLIN

Weekly aid 60 00

T. Quinlan, wood 7 00

67 00

MRS. JAMES MATTOON

Weekly aid 72 00

MISS MARTHA WRIGHT

Miss Georgia Hart, bedstead, spring and mattress 7 50

Geo. A. Stearns, wood 6 10

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F. W. Doane, wood, coal and ice	19 37	
N. D. Alexander, wood	8 50	
W. D. Morgan, stove pipe	1 90	
C. H. Webster, medicine	1 40	
Lucy Fisher, nurse	181 00	
Mrs. W. Arlin, washing	15 00	
	— —	240 77
MRS. JAMES ARLIN		
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished		7 50
HIRAM JOHNSON		
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished		5 75
LEROY, WEBSTER		
A. W. Proctor, goods furnished	6 00	
Dr. A. L. Newton, medical aid	8 00	
	— —	14 00
M. DICKINSON, care of 101 tramps		25 25
		<u>\$2096 11</u>
Cr.		
Received from J. B. Callender acct. G. B. Callender	128 61	
Received from Town of Ashby, acct. Asa Keniston	32 69	
Due from Town of Ashby acct. Asa Keniston	10 95	
Received from State acct. H. Johnson	5 75	
Due from Henry Wright estate acct. Martha Wright	240 77	
Due from State acct. T. Dempsey	2 44	
Due from town of Becket acct. C. D. Harris	19 85	
	— —	441 06
Total expense of poor		<u>\$2655 05</u>

ERNEST C. FIELD, } Overseers
SAMUEL C. HOLTON, } of
CLINTON A. WARE, } Poor.

Contingent Expenses.

E. C. Field, Selectman 1898	\$125 75
S. C. Holton, Selectman, 1898	74 12
C. A. Ware, " "	94 00
T. R. Callender, Registrar 1898	11 25
N. D. Alexander, " "	11 25
F. J. Stockbridge, " "	11 25
M. T. Moore, Collector "	100 00
return dog warrant 1898	15 00
election officer "	2 50
posting 3 town warrants 1898	18 00
A. L. Newton, Inspector 1898	49 15
Athol Transcript Co., printing town reports	39 00
J. R. Casey, wood for town hall	3 50
R. S. Robson, steel die acct. town clerk	1 09
E. C. Field, mailing town reports	5 75
W. D. Morgan, repairs at town hall	5 57
Dana Malone, attorney acct, Crelan & Jones	10 00
A. W. Brownell, blanks for overseers	75
C. T. Bagnall, printing for assessors	5 75
C. F. Packard, insurance policy on library building	90 00
C. H. Webster, insurance policy	27 00
C. C. Hoffman & Co., town seal	30 00
P. B. Murphy, dog blanks	1 50
E. A. Hall & Son, collectors books	2 00
Enterprise & Journal Co., printing for collector	9 90
C. T. Bagnall, printing for town clerk	1 25
E. A. Hall & Co., advertising grade crossing	10 15
John Grace, assisting surveyor on grade crossing	4 50
John Hecker, assisting surveyor on grade crossing	4 50
M. A. Ward, putting water in town hall	17 77

T. Quinlan, wood for town hall	3 50
F. W. Doane, constable	5 00
District Court fees	52 07
E. J. Pratt, " "	41 42
M. T. Moore " "	24 85
C. S. Richardson " "	1 05
C. H. Green, election officer 1898 and 1899	5 00
O. L. Leach, " " "	5 00
R. E. Dickinson, cemetery commission	5 00
F. A. Hilliard, " "	5 00
C. C. Stearns, " "	5 00
M. T. Moore, collector in part 1899	89 00
" abatements from taxes	102 72
" discounts 1899	356 52
constable	9 25
return dog warrant	15 00
posting town warrant Nov.	6 00
election officer Nov.	2 50
postage and express charges	7 50
discount acct. D. D. Streeter 1897	1 10
H. H. Mason, driving hearse	40 50
return of deaths	1 25
care town hall	36 00
labor on town hall and hearse	6 25
care town clock	4 38
H. P. Chamberlain, care town clock	8 75
Tracy Cole, care town clock	2 50
F. W. Downe, coal for town hall	16 55
Mary and Laura Pomeroy, abatement acct. Perry farm	1 35
Dudley Johnson, " "	2 02
W. W. Merriman, abatement acct. error	7 20
Mrs. Alice Stebbins and children, abatement acct. exemption law	11 53
Oscelo Goodnow, abatement acct. 1897-98	6 86
L. G. Barton, surveying cemeteries and plans	123 00
C. C. Stearns, " " "	4 75
F. A. Hilliard, " " "	1 50
H. B. Travis, straps for hearse	1 20
J. W. Black, repairs to hearse	6 00

C. C. Stearns, election officer Nov.	2 50
E. S. Bardwell, " "	2 00
W. J. Wright, town clerk and treasurer	209 35
stamps and stationery	12 30
paid doctors for return of births	8 75
S. C. Holton, postage and car fare to Greenfield	1 60
E. C. Field, postage	2 48
American Ex. Co., express chgs acct. town clerk	8 10
A. L. Newton, inspector meats and provisions	82 00
A. W. Proctor, oil, chimneys, etc., for town hall	14 56
American Express Co., express charges	1 00
Alton D. Elmer, surveying roads	2 25
E. C. Field, car fare to Boston acct. grade crossing	4 08
N. W. Keet, labor on safe	4 00
J. W. Black, " "	1 85
J. R. Colton, repairs to slate on town hall	4 45
F. H. Nutting, ditch for water at town hall	4 70
R. K. Caldwell, expenses to Boston acct. toll bridge	6 35
N. P. Wood, " " " "	6 18
F. E. Stimpson, " " " "	5 00
C. H. Green, " " " "	5 00
E. C. Field, car fare to Boston and Greenfield "	4 60
C. A. Ware, " " Orange "	5 48
S. C. Holton " " " "	4 48
O. L. Leach " " " "	4 08
L. R. Smith, " " " "	4 48
E. C. Field, services as bridge committee	12 00
S. C. Holton, " " " "	9 50
C. A. Ware, " " " "	10 75
L. R. Smith, " " " "	9 50
N. P. Wood, " " " "	5 50
Nellie M. Wood, services as school committee and stamps	5 65
E. S. Bardwell " " " "	5 00
L. R. Smith " " " and stamps	31 25
Blake Bank Lock Inspection Co., repairs to and opening safe	41 12

 \$2339 21

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District Court fines		\$107 25
Constable fees acct. dog warrant for 1898-99 per law		30 00
Due from state acct. Inspector		41 00
		\$178 25
		\$2160 96
Expense of poor	\$2655 05	
Contingent	2160 96	
		\$4816 01
Appropriation for poor and contingent		4000 00
Overdrawn		\$816 01

STATE AID.

Daniel W. Burnham	\$46 00
Gardner Collier	53 50
Mrs. Gardner Collier	48 00
Thomas Hart	48 00
Charles X. Jones	72 00
Mrs. Roswell Stratton	48 00
Mrs. Wm. Strange	12 00
William Strange	28 00
	\$355 50

DISBURSEMENT OF ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND.

Mrs. J. L. May	\$5 00
Miss Fannie Field	10 00
Miss Emma and Hattie Hilliard	10 00
Mrs. Fayette Howard	10 00
Mrs. Peter McHugh	5 00
	\$40 00

HIGHWAYS.

F. W. Ruggles	Labor	\$92 29
S. Ruggles	"	11 70
O. F. Durkee	"	42 50
F. H. Smith	"	10 05
Arad Stratton	"	11 55
O. Wood	"	45
Jos. Duplisse	"	6 00
S. Dupliss,	"	1 50
W. S. Hastings	"	2 35
Thos. Metcalf	"	75
C. L. Gilbert	"	2 62
L. C. Miller	"	4 05
E. A. Nash	"	9 60
O. D. Adams	"	2 50
F. H. Montague	"	1 43
E. C. Field	"	5 50
F. W. Hilliard	"	8 00
O. Darling	"	8 25
F. C. Stratton	"	1 50
H. F. Field	"	4 50
E. E. Howes	"	9 00
G. B. Kenney	"	5 25
W. F. Field	"	3 55
F. H. Simonds	"	1 20
Amos Whittaker	"	60
J. W. Mann	"	1 42
C. A. Tucker	"	3 75
C. A. Parker	"	4 90
E. Shauntley	"	1 05
H. C. Wentworth	"	3 23

I. H. Ewers	Labor	1 50
O. S. Fisher	"	4 35
J. Fisher	"	7 50
J. E. Dresser	"	12 15
Ernest Motchman	"	75
D. L. Atwood	"	10 20
W. C. Fellows	"	24 00
J. A. Holland, Agent	"	104 59
E. B. Murdock	"	9 25
Levi Thornton, Ferryman	"	50 00
Town of Montague, $\frac{1}{4}$ repairs	Millers River bridge	26 66
J. H. Dalton	Labor	283 37
F. E. Aldrich	"	44 00
Arnold Holton	"	1 87
M. T. Moore	"	5 00
J. R. Casey	"	5 95
G. H. Slate	"	18 00
O. E. Slate	"	3 15
C. W. Slate	"	3 55
Thomas Hart	"	5 10
W. W. Merriam	"	4 00
L. W. Pratt	"	20 57
J. H. Dale, Sr.	"	9 60
J. T. Callaghan	"	34 13
A. Clark	"	5 55
C. E. Jones	"	9 00
T. Quinlan	"	44 00
J. Dale	"	5 10
F. A. Irish	"	7 50
A. H. Irish	"	18 08
F. Bigelow	"	11 40
F. L. Hale	"	75
C. Lamson	"	75
J. Grace	"	14 25
J. W. Black	"	4 90
Ward Holton	"	1 50
C. M. Baldwin	"	26 22
R. A. & F. Evans	"	1 75

G. W. Piper, Agt.	Labor	159 11
Northfield Water Co	"	25 25
M. A. Ward	"	10 98
J. P. Campbell	"	5 85
F. W. Doane	"	89 85
H. D. Field	"	8 00
F. H. Nutting	"	11 95
Wm. Aldrich	"	2 50
P. W. Preston, Agt.	"	151 47
Wm. Bain	"	37 55
R. Phillips	"	6 00
F. Z. Allen	"	9 88
Wm. Strange	"	11 55
R. E. Long	"	88 87
F. C. Britton	"	48 40
C. P. Britton	"	16 35
H. C. Holton	"	26 88
Northfield Seminary	"	180 92
R. E. Dickenson	"	75
L. O. Clapp	"	60
Town of Gill, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense due	account Munn & Mor-	
gan's ferries		5 32
		\$1,999 06

MATERIAL FOR HIGHWAY.

C. A. Moulton, shingles for ferry house	8 62
E. C. Field, chain for boat, Munn's ferry	1 20
A. W. Proctor, nails, spikes, and pick	2 47
C. A. Ware, brick for sluice	3 00
E. M. Pierce, gravel	3 00
Western Union Telegraph Co., telegram	41
C. V. R. R. Co., freight charges	1 75
E. C. Field, car fares to No. Adams and Brookfield account scraper	6 05
E. C. Field, covering stone for culvert	2 00
Climax Road Machine Co., scraper	173 50
“ “ “ points and edges	8 50
G. E. Allen, points and edges	10 00
E. L. Pickard, paint stock for boat	1 75
C. C. Stearns, plank and stringers	45 93
T. Quinlan, plank and railing	14 71
C. R. Nelson “ “	7 15
D. D. Streeter, “ “	4 17
	\$294 21

WATER RENTS.

E. W. Smith, 1898	5 00
M. E. Dickinson, 1899	5 00
E. C. Field	5 00
L. C. Miller	5 00
E. W. Smith	5 00
J. A. Ross	3 00
Northfield Water Co	12 00
	\$40 00
Highways in general including ferry and Millers River bridge	1,999 06
Material and scraper	293 21
Water rents	40 00
	\$2,333 27
Appropriation	2,000 00
	\$333 27

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

We herewith submit for your consideration our report for the past year. Owing to a larger appropriation than the previous year we have been able to do more work and would recommend the same amount (\$150,) be appropriated this year.

The surveys and plans of the six cemeteries have been completed in a very satisfactory manner by Mr. L. G. Barton of Greenfield for \$123, and we can now give all that wish a deed of their lots, and would recommend and advise that a deed be taken by every one now holding a lot or wishing to take up a new one. The deed from the Misses Belcher, of land for an addition to the cemetery at the Centre, together with a plan of the same, has been submitted to the Selectmen. The amount appropriated for grading the above we believe, was wisely expended, and would recommend that \$100 be appropriated this year to complete the same. This will give us an addition of 56 lots, 9 x 16 feet.

Paid for work in cemeteries as follows:

Joseph Hallock	4 65
George Abbott	5 40
Amos Stanton	13 88
John Pratt	25 25
Amos Bigelow	9 50
Fostene Bigelow	14 50
Albert Clark	1 50
Oscar E. Slate	9 00
Gus Baldwin	3 00
John Grace	6 00
Tracy Cole	6 60
Fred L. Hale	11 70
Henry H. Mason	3 00
Russell E. Long	16 00
Fred W. Doane	23 60
Frank Harness	3 00

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C. C. Stearns	28 95	
Arad Stratton	3 50	
Freeman Hilliard	10 75	
Benj. Morrison	2 00	
Henry C. Holton	2 50	
R. E. Dickinson	5 55	
Stone post and seed	1 25	
Hildreth & Co., printing	12 50	
		\$223 58
Care of private lots, Centre	52 00	
" " West Northfield	6 50	
Total		\$282 08
Appropriations:		
Care	150 00	
Grading	50 00	
Private lots	58 50	
		258 50
Overdrawn		

FREEMAN A. HILLIARD,	} Cemetery Commissioners.
CHARLES C. STEARNS,	
ROSWELL E. DICKINSON,	

Selectmen's Financial Report.

DR.

Orders issued on Town Treasurer since Feb. 13th, 1899, \$13,720 69

CR.

Paid for schools	5,048 29
highways	2,333 27
poor	3,096 11
contingent	2,339 21
public library	527 15
Memorial day	50 00
preliminary expenses grade crossing	44 58
cemeteries	282 08
	\$13,720 69

ERNEST C. FIELD, SAMUEL C. HOLTON, CLINTON A. WARE,	}	Selectmen.
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Collector's Report.

Amount committed for collection, 1899	11,941 16
" uncollected for 1897	60 00
" " " 1898	758 98
	\$12,768 14
Paid Town Treasurer	9,404 38
Balance uncollected	3,363 76
	\$12,768 14

MERRILL T. MOORE, Collector.

Financial Condition of the Town, Feb. 15, 1900.

LIABILITIES.

Greenfield Savings Bank, note	\$1000 00
Franklin County Nat. Bank, note	1000 00
E. C. Field, selectman	153 75
S. C. Holton, "	96 12
C. A. Ware, "	107 75
M. T. Moore, collector 1899	20 00
Outstanding orders, 1893, not paid	5 44
" " 1899	955 84
Estimated expense of poor Feb. 15, bills not rendered	235 00
	\$3573 90

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer	\$1727 21
" " library trustees	19 21
Due from town of Ashby, acct. Asa Keniston	10 95
" " Becket, acct. Chas. D. Harris	19 85
" state acct. T. Dempsey	2 44
" " Hiram Johnson	22 70
" Henry Wright estate acct. Martha Wright	240 77
" state acct. state aid	61 00
" " inspector	41 09
" bank acct. Flora Lane cemetery fund	3 00
" M. T. Moore, collector, 1897	60 00
" " " " 1898	758 98
" " " " 1899	2544 78
	\$5511 89
Balance favor town	\$1937 99

ERNEST C. FIELD,
 SAMUEL C. HOLTON, } Selectmen.
 CLINTON C. WARE,

Treasurer's Report.

WARREN J. WRIGHT IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF NORTHFIELD.

	Dr.	Cr.
To balance from previous account	\$2473 77	
cash from C. A. Moulton auctioneer's license	2 00	
J. H. Eames " "	2 00	
State Treasurer acct. education children	51 00	
Frank Lamson, acct. pool table license	2 00	
F. V. Wood, acct. " "	2 00	
W. M. Aldrich, acct. auctioneer's license	2 00	
State Treasurer acct. inspection animals	33 95	
" " " corporation tax	1678 49	
" " " National Bank tax	228 80	
" " " Military aid	18 00	
" " " State aid	268 00	
" " " State paupers	5 75	
income surplus revenue	64 00	
cemetery funds	24 24	
county treasurer's acct. dog fund	74 66	
state treasurer's acct. Mass. school fund	355 52	
E. C. Field, old windows acct. union hall	60	
" use of Union hall	75	
H. H. Mason acct. Town hall	84 50	
town of Ashby acct. Asa Keniston	32 69	
clerk of District Court acct. fines	107 25	
school committee acct. tuition	79 30	
Franklin County National Bank loans	4424 86	
M. T. Moore, collector acct. 1898 taxes	2793 06	
" " " 1899 "	9404 38	
" " " 1897 "	47 69	
" " " 1896 settled	25 00	
" " interest on 98-99		

taxes	19 00	
J. B. Callender acct. Geo. B. Calender	128 61	
J. E. Warren acct. school supplies	1 62	
State Treasurer acct. school supt.	173 00	
By paid Selectmen's orders		\$13,453 69
Greenfield Savings bank interest		69 50
Franklin County Nat. bank notes		3500 00
Greenfield Savings bank, on town debt		600 00
County tax		2332 59
State tax		570 00
State aid		355 50
cash balance available		1727 21
	\$22,608 49	\$22,608 49

Northfield, Feb. 15th, 1900.

Report of Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library.

In presenting their annual report one year ago, the trustees referred to the beneficial result, in an educational sense, which had been derived from the new public building.

To-day our library is better known and more largely used by the citizens of Northfield than ever before. It has become an important auxiliary to our public schools. The school authorities are endeavoring to interest and educate the school children in art. To this end a special teacher in art is now employed, and the various and valuable collections received from the Massachusetts Library Art Club and hung in the art room from time to time, have added greatly to the interest in this department. The pleasure and profit derived by our older citizens from these exhibits, are not among the least profitable uses of our public library. We especially invite citizens to make a larger use of this very valuable department of the library.

The donor of the library building has added from time to time beautiful oil paintings, and Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander has presented to the library a very artistic set of photographs of the historic stones which she caused to be erected three years ago. These photographs have been framed in a group, which makes a beautiful and instructive picture to adorn the walls of the art room. Mr. R. K. Caldwell has preserved a set of town reports complete, except one year, since the first report appeared. The missing report has been added by the librarian, the whole making a valuable work of reference in the library.

We quote the following from our report of one year ago:

The trustees have issued an appeal for relics, and a fair number of such has been received. Others have been promised. There is no doubt that enough historic relics exist in this vicinity to make a very interesting and instructive collection, if only they are brought forward. Printed blanks are furnished, on which donors or loaners of relics can write a brief history of each article and the owner's name. A complete collection of the minerals, woods, flora and fauna of this section ought to be placed in the library, and so arranged that the public school children can study them at leisure.

These relics are coming in slowly, and some of them are very valuable to students in history. The public are especially urged to visit the art and relic rooms frequently. In this way can they discover what each one can contribute to add interest and value to the collection. We invite a careful reading of the book committee's report.

We recommend an appropriation of \$625 for the year ensuing.

Appended are the financial reports.

N. P. WOOD,
GEO. F. PIPER,
H. W. RANKIN,
C. H. GREENE,
H. W. MONTAGUE,
MRS. M. A. CALDWELL,

Library Trustees.

Report of the Book Committee.

We are glad to be able to report an encouraging increase in the use of the library. The circulation of books and magazines has been 9,632 during the year just closed, against 8,798 during the preceding year. Families, public schools and visitors have patronized it to a greater extent than ever before. 100 volumes have been added, 68 by purchase and 32 by gift, and another 100 will be added immediately. For the 32 volumes presented acknowledgment is made to the United States Government for 12, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 10, to Mrs. W. W. Sios for 7, and to Miss Mary Thurston, Mr. Herbert S. Underwood, and the American Unitarian Association for 1 each.

The reading room has been regularly supplied with 28 magazines and newspapers--14 by subscription and 14 by gift. Those supplied by subscription have been the Review of Reviews, New England Magazine, Harper's, Scribner's, Century, Atlantic Monthly, McClure's, St. Nicholas, Ladies' Home Journal, Literary World, Youth's Companion, Outlook, Independent and Springfield Weekly Republican. Those supplied free of cost are as follows, and thanks for them are hereby rendered to the donors: The Congregationalist, Mrs. A. M. D. Alexander, The Pilot, James Wall, The Christian Register, The Young People's Guild; The New World, Rev. N. P. Gilman, The Missionary Review; D. L. Pierson, The Popular Educator; J. E. Warren, Success; Joseph and Mary Cotton, Illustrated London News, Miss Fannie Field; Advocate of Peace, American Peace Society; Record of Christian Work, W. R. Moody; The Missionary Herald, Mrs. Joseph Colton; The Defender, New England Sabbath Protection League; The Woman's Journal and The Paradise of the Pacific, donors unknown.

While it is gratifying to know that there has been a considerable increase in the number of readers the past year, we would urge a still larger use of this interesting and instructive collections of periodicals, with which the reading room is supplied. Here is a place where more of our citizens might spend their leisure hours to advantage.

GEO. F. PIPER,	}	Book Committee.
HENRY W RANKIN,		
MRS. M. A. CALDWELL,		

Library Current Expense Report.

1899.

Jan. 3, DeWolf, Fiske & Co., books	70 05
July 1, S. E. Bridgman, periodicals	30 75
July 1, stationery	3 50
Oct., The Literary World	1 00
Nov. 18, J. P. White, Mabie's U. S. History	3 75

1900.

Jan. 3, F. J. Barnard, book binding	15 15
W. H. White “	7 10
N. P. Wood “	3 00
Feb. 10, Salary Librarian	150 00
“ Janitor	110 94
Putting wood in basement	4 00
13, Subscription to Library Art Club	5 04

— — — \$404 28

SUPPLIES, LABOR AND MATERIAL.

	\$404 28
J. B. Colt & Co., Naphey's burners	5 50
W. D. Morgan, repairs	23 20
Chas. Mack, labor on grounds	5 35
R. E. Long, labor acct. water	6 00
F. H. Nutting, “ “	39 47
M. A. Ward, “ “	21 65
N. W. Keet, labor	1 70
Appropriation for Farms Library	20 00

— — — \$527 15

Report of Library Treasurer.

Cash on hand March 1, 1899	8 63
Feb. 12th, cash received from Librarian dues on books	10 58
Cash on hand Feb. 14th, 1900	\$19 21
C. H. GREEN, Treasurer.	

Library Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 10th, 1900.

Number of volumes in library at last report	4309
Number purchased past year	68
Number presented past year	32
	4409
Discarded	2
Total	4407
Number of families, patrons of library	255
Families from surrounding towns, patrons of library	4
Number of visitors, patrons of library	16
Number of volumes taken by families	8332
Number of volumes taken by public schools	437
Number of volumes taken by visitors	129
Number of magazines taken	735
Total works and magazines	9633
Amount of fines collected	15 15
Received from families out of town taking books	4 00
Received as gift from visitors	2 00
Total	\$21 15
Amount paid for incidentals	10 57
Balance	\$10 58
Uncollected fines	57

MRS. F. J. STOCKBRIDGE, Librarian.

Report of School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD:

In submitting the school report for the year ending Feb. 23, 1900, we respectfully refer you to Supt. J. E. Warren's comprehensive report which embodies that of the special teachers.

A careful perusal of this report will give you a good idea of the condition of the schools at the present time and will also show you that the school system of this town has been progressive.

By the most careful administration of the finances, we have been able to furnish a special teacher in drawing and music and also a Kindergarten teacher and should have kept within the appropriations, had we received the usual income from the school fund and dog tax.

In our opinion, these special teachers are an important acquisition to our crops of teachers and are an essential factor in developing that which is finest and best in the natures of the children.

The school houses in use are in good condition. Besides the incidental repairs, school houses Nos. 4 and 6 have been painted and a new fence built around the grounds of the former. Running water has been placed in the hall of the Centre building. This became imperative, as the well on the school grounds was condemned and it was necessary to bring water from neighboring houses. The children in District No. 3 have been brought in a comfortable team to the Centre schools, which has proved satisfactory to a majority of the families in the district. Schools Nos. 5 and 6 have had the usual assistance in transportation.

CALENDAR FOR 1900-1901.

Spring term,	13 weeks,	begins March 26,	closes June 22
Fall term,	15 weeks,	begins Sept. 4,	closes Dec. 21
with a recess from Nov. 23 to Dec. 3.			
Winter term,	8 weeks,	begins Dec. 31,	closes Feb. 21

We recommend for the coming year: For teaching, supervision, care of buildings and fuel, \$3300.00; for repairs, \$300.00; for books and supplies, \$300.00; for conveyance of pupils, \$300.00.

L. R. SMITH,	}	School Committee,
NELLIE M. WOOD,		
E. S. BARDWELL,		

Financial School Report.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1900.

APPROPRIATIONS AND RECEIPTS.

In general	\$2800 00
Dog fund	74 00
State school fund	355 52
State aid for supervision	173 00
Town fund	64 00
Tuition	130 30
Sale of supplies	1 62
Repairs	200 00
Supplies	300 00
Transportation	300 00
Superintendent	260 00
Unexpended balance '98-99	263 87
Balance Dr.	125 98
	————\$5048 29

EXPENDITURES.

SALARY OF TEACHERS.

J. A. Nolan, No. 1	\$156 00
Anna Thompson, No. 1	396 00
Lucy W. Sanderson, No. 1	360 00
Ernest Libby, No. 1	276 00
Alice Dwight, No. 2	360 00
Lottie Evans, No. 4	360 00
Emma H. Dwight, No. 5	182 00
Erminnie I. Keith, No. 6	196 00
Louise Morse, No. 7	347 00
Carrie Russell, No. 9	234 00
Emma H. Fisher, No. 5	45 50

Hulda Fleming, No. 6	45 50	
Grace Elliott	155 00	
Georgeana E. Ayers	230 00	
Anna Palmer	252 00	
		<u>\$3595 00</u>

SUPPLIES.

A. W. Proctor	\$16 30	
American Ex. and C. V. R. R.	10 87	
E. Babb & Co.	32 24	
Thompson, Brown & Co.	2 88	
Ginn & Co.	33 02	
F. P. White	3 00	
Emmerson & Son	4 00	
King, Richardson & Co.	4 05	
D. C. Heath & Co.	2 51	
J. L. Hammett & Co.	134 94	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co.	4 80	
E. L. Pickard, Jr.	2 04	
Perry Picture Co.	2 70	
J. E. Warren	8 00	
C. T. Bagnall	2 50	
American Book Co.	22 84	
Clarence N. Stowell	98	
Robbins & Evans	1 52	
		<u>\$289 19</u>

REPAIRS.

Win. Moore,	District No. 2	\$3 35
W. H. Holton,	" 7	50
W. D. Morgan, stove	" 2	21 81
W. H. Holton,	" 1	50
F. W. Piper,	" 6	20 00
John Grace	" 1	15 00
H. O. Doolittle	" 7	6 27
W. C. Manchester	" 4	6 15
F. W. Piper,	" 4	62 00
Chas. Gilbert, fence	" 4	13 38
W. D. Morgan, water	" 1	40 00
F. W. Piper	" 6	3 75

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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R. M. Snow	" 1	1 65	
H. H. Mason	" 1	50	
			\$194 86

FUEL.

J. A. Fisher, wood,	No. 2	\$16 25	
Geo. Stearns, "	" 2	4 87	
H. F. Hart, cutting wood	" 9	2 66	
Geo. Stearns	" " 9	12 00	
J. L. Hammond	" " 4	11 50	
S. S. Fisher	" " 5	11 75	
Geo. Stearns	" " 1	11 12	
"	" " 6	9 00	
C. Pomeroy, cutting wood	" 1	4 90	
N. D. Alexander	" " 9	4 50	
F. W. Doane, wood and coal	" 1 and 2	74 25	
			\$162 80

CARE OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Frost & Adams		45	
T. Johnson	No. 2	4 55	
Fanny Smith	" 7	5 20	
Emma S. Dwight	" 5	9 00	
Erminnie Keith	" 6	7 00	
Louise Morse	" 7	6 70	
Carrie Russell	" 9	9 00	
Jessie Holton		10 50	
C. Pomeroy	" 1	81 43	
W. H. Dale, Cleaning		8 00	
Duncan White	" 2	10 50	
Carrie Miller	" 4	11 50	
Andrew Hicks	" 7	4 75	
Emma S. Fisher	" 5	2 00	
Hulda Fleming	" 6	2 00	
			\$172 58

TRANSPORTATION.

W. H. Browning	\$21 00
S. L. Pike	105 00
Wm. Fellows	22 80
Mrs. R. Phillips	2 00

T. R. Callendar	74 00	
Nelson Hilliard	115 00	
		\$339 80

RECAPITULATION.

Appropriations and receipts	\$4922 31	
Balance Dr.	125 98	
		\$5048 29
Paid teachers	\$3595 00	
Text books and supplies	289 19	
Fuel	162 80	
Care of school buildings	172 58	
Conveyance	339 80	
Repairs	194 86	
Superintendent	259 56	
M. T. Moore, truant officer	4 50	
" taking census	15 00	
R. C. Ward, camp	15 00	
		\$5048 29

Superintendent's Report.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:—

In accordance with custom, I have the honor to submit the following as my report for the school year ending Feb. 23, 1900. It includes the reports of the special teachers of music and drawing, and of the Kindergarten teacher. These reports deserve a careful reading. The past year has been one in which the educational movement has been in the right direction.

There have been few changes in the corps of teachers. Mr. Ernest Libby, a graduate of the four year's course at the Bridgewater State Normal school, began work in the High school in September. Miss Huldah S. Fleming has taught during the winter term at No. 6. At the time of writing this report the schools are still in session; it is impossible to give the statistics of attendance for the winter term.

MUSIC.

The music has had a very successful year. The proficiency of the children in this important branch of study cannot fail to be a source of gratification to all interested in their welfare. The reasons for making singing a regular and systematic subject of instruction are that it affords rest and recreation, is a means of healthy exercise, and cultivates the aesthetic, ethical, and religious sense. With these ends in view, the aim and scope of singing as a subject of instruction becomes clearly (1) to train the ear to appreciate and enjoy good music, and (2) to understand and be able to sing at sight any ordinary secular or sacred piece of music.

I believe I am justified in claiming that both of these objects are being attained. The "Individual Sight Singing Method" which Miss Palmer explains in her report, has been very helpful in this work.

REPORT OF TEACHER OF MUSIC.

SUPT. J. E. WARREN,

DEAR SIR:—In looking over the work of the past year, it is highly gratifying to note the progress made by the pupils in the several grades. The new feature of the work in music has been the introduction of the "Individual Sight Singing Method," to be used in connection with the American System. The aim of this individual work is to cultivate independence, inspire confidence, and develop the powers of each child. For this purpose four series of eighty exercises each are provided. These carefully graded exercises are passed, and the children rise in turn and read or sing the exercise at sight. The children have been pleased with the new music, and have shown much ability in sight reading and singing. Tests have been given from time to time during the year, and record sheets have been kept, on which pupils have been marked according to their ability to sing. I wish to express my gratitude to the teachers who have so faithfully aided me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

ANNIE H. PALMER.

DRAWING.

The laws of the Commonwealth require that drawing be systematically taught in all of our schools. During most of the year the work has been directed by a specialist of proven ability. The following report shows that the artistic, educational, and practical sides of drawing have each received their proper attention.

REPORT OF TEACHER OF DRAWING.

SUPT. J. E. WARREN,

DEAR SIR:—At your request I respectfully submit the following report:

Great nations write their autobiographies in three manuscripts—the book of their deeds, the book of their words, and [the book of their art. Not one of these three can be understood unless we read the two others, but of the three, the only quite trustworthy one is the last. The acts of a nation may be triumphant by its good fortune, and its word mighty by the genius of a few of its children; but its art only by the general gifts and common sympathies of the race.

It is art in this broad sense, and not simply drawing, that we endeavor to teach. Our aim is not alone to train the eye to see, and the

hand to execute; but also to lead the mind to discriminate between the good and the bad, the refined and the crude.

Nature, the great teacher never makes a mistake in combinations of color nor in construction. Therefore we study nature for harmonies of color and for principles of design; as well as because she furnishes interesting and beautiful examples for our brush and pencil to follow. May we not hope that the pupils will gain, not only a love for the beautiful in nature, but also a reverence for the Supreme being, who has created all these things for our enjoyment and instruction. The mind of man is endowed with imagination which is most active in childhood, but it needs careful training to be of service. For this purpose, designing is an excellent subject. This we divide into decorative and constructive design, both of which we endeavor to make practical. For decorative designs the children are taught to make designs for handkerchief borders, book covers, oil cloth, prints, figured silks, wall papers, etc.

The constructive design comes in connection with the mechanical work. First, drawings of the type solids are made, then drawings of boxes of different kinds, wall pockets, frames, card cases, and similar objects. The next step is to have the pupil construct a few objects from their drawings. When a sufficient number have been drawn and constructed so that the pupils have a clear understanding of the subject, then they are led to design some object different in proportion, shape, or variety of curves from any they have seen.

Some time is given to pictorial drawing, which requires close observation that the object may be correctly seen before it can be represented. This subject also trains the reason, as the pupils are required to deduce principles from the facts already observed. We all recognize the value of the study of general history. Why then neglect the study of the history of Art? Much of the history of the most ancient civilized people is known to us only through their monuments of art, which alone remain to tell of their greatness. In the study of Historic ornament, and the lives and works of some of the most noted artists, we endeavor to teach a love for the beautiful in art, and a recognition of some of the masterpieces of sculpture and painting. I have been much pleased with the interest taken by both teachers and pupils in the work, and the result accomplished. Let me here express my thanks to the teachers for their cooperation in the work.

Respectfully,

GRACE ELLIOTT.

KINDERGARTEN.

The Kindergarten was opened in Sons of Veterans hall, and was a success from the start. Not only were good results at once apparent, but I believe that its influence will be invaluable throughout the grades in preparing the children to perform the regular duties of school life and in training them for good citizenship in later years. In opening this school, Northfield is not moving in advance of the times, but is merely placing her school system in touch with those of other progressive communities. Reference is made to the following report of the Kindergarten teacher for details in relation to the school, the plan of the work, and daily program.

REPORT OF KINDERGARTEN TEACHER.

SUPT. J. E. WARREN,

DEAR SIR:—The Kindergarten training should be given between the ages of three or four, and five or six years. At this time the child's nature is unfolding more rapidly than at any later period of his life, and his impulses and tendencies are being formed into the habits which are to govern him in manhood. With this truth in mind, a famous clergyman once said, "Give me the child for the first seven years of his life, and you may do what you will with him afterwards." How important it is then that the best possible training be given at this critical time. The mother's cry is that she has not time to do this for her children, and for this reason the Kindergarten has been founded—not to take the responsibility of the child's training from the mother, but to aid her in it, and to do for the child what the mother in her busy life has not time to do.

One of the most important characteristics of children at this age is the strength of the play spirit, for through play, the child reveals to us his true temperament, his inclinations and aptitudes, force or feebleness, purpose or listlessness, dulness or quickness of imagination.

We discover through play other child manifestation: the desire to produce change by self activity, development of the social instinct, the inclination to imitate and thus to understand what is imitated, his creative tendencies, and his interest in all natural objects. Therefore through observation of the child at play, the whole foundation of the Kindergarten system has been laid, and play has been adopted as a natural means of developing the child during this period of his life.

Plato tells us that these plays of children have a great influence on the maintenance or non-maintenance of laws, that if children are lawless, they cannot become virtuous men abiding by law. He therefore suggests that their play be under the supervision of an older person and regulated by music. It is our plan as Kindergarteners, first to wisely study the children, and understanding their needs, to put into their hands such material, and to give them such guidance as will best serve to develop the self activity, the power of observation, the creative nature, knowledge of and interest in natural objects, conformity to laws of social life, a spirit of helpfulness and industry, the ability to concentrate the mind and to think in an orderly manner, and to train the hand. In other words, to develop the child physically, mentally and morally, all unconsciously to him and in the spirit of play.

The general subjects dwelt with during the kindergarten years includes a study of nature, of time and its value, of day and night, of the seasons and the changes they bring, of family life and home surroundings, of trade and occupations. Each week a new subject is presented and studied in its different phases during the five days.

The children are seated in a circle when they enter the kindergarten and begin the day by singing good morning greetings. These are followed by a hymn and a short prayer, thanking God for the night and the new morning with its blessings. Then follow songs chosen by the children, a twenty minutes conversation on the subject of the week, marching and other physical exercises, the use of the "Kindergarten Gifts" typifying the world in miniature, and helping the child to notice and understand the objects of nature and their characteristics, a brief lunch period, a few minutes for free play, and occupation work, consisting of drawing, sewing, weaving, modelling in clay, pasting designs, paper folding or cutting, and the good bye songs preparatory to going home. Throughout the morning we seek to make the spirit of the Kindergarten that of politeness, kindness, happiness and love.

The Kindergarten is not an institution independent of all others, but it is a part of the school system, and serves to prepare the child for the best possible results in his later years of study.

Respectfully,

GEORGIANA E. AYERS.

STATISTICS.

Number of boys in town Sept. 1, 1899, between five and fifteen years of age	120
Number of girls in town Sept. 1, 1899, between five and fifteen years of age	118
Total	238
Number of boys between the ages of seven and fourteen	84
Number of girls between the ages of seven and fourteen	84
Total	168
Number of children enrolled during the year	259
Average membership	217.35
Average attendance	196.28
Per cent of attendance	.90

Attendance of each School.

School.	Teacher.	Weeks Taught.	Pupils Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.
High Gram.	Joseph A. Nolan	13	35	29.5	25.5	86
	Ernest Libby	23				
	Anna E. Thompson	36	38	33.7	30.2	89
Primary	Lucy W. Sanderson	36	37	36.1	32.7	91
No. 2	Alice M. Dwight	36	43	28.2	26.2	94
No. 4	Lottie E. Evans	36	28	24	22.1	92
No. 5	Emma H. Dwight	28				
	Emma H. Fisher	7	12	12	11.32	94
No. 6	Erminie I. Keith	28				
	Huldah Fleming	7	10	10	9.6	96
No. 7	Louise K. Morse	36	35	26.9	22.4	85
No. 9	Carrie R. Russell	36	21	16.95	16.26	96
Kinder- garten	Georgiana Ayers	23				

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. WARREN.

